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STATE AND FEDERAL FORCES ARE TO FIGHT PREDATORY ANIMALS

The Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, by D. A. Gilchrist and M. E. Musgrave; the Arizona Live-Stock Sanitary Board by E. H. Crabb, chairman; and the University of Arizona, by E. P. Taylor, of the extension service, entered into an agreement effective July 1 for a general co-operation in the destruction of predatory wild animals and noxious rodents.

The government has appropriated \$50,000 for this work in Arizona, which amount is duplicated by the state, including \$500 additional funds appropriated by the state for agricultural extension work.

These funds, according to the agreement, will be expended through the government agents, though accounts will be audited by the state for payments from its fund.

Under the regulations adopted, no bounties will be paid hunters or trappers for animals killed; the furs and hides of all animals killed by trappers paid out of government funds, will become government property, while hunters paid by the state will turn their furs and pelts over to state authorities.

The predatory animal inspector is required to make a financial statement of all expenditures each month, as well as a complete record of all men hired and of animals killed or destroyed and other items of interest pertaining to the work.

The state will be divided into districts, where the extermination of predatory animals is most urgent and under the direction of Mr. Musgrave, experienced trappers and hunters will be employed.

FREE CITY DELIVERY MAY COME THIS FALL

Postoffice Inspector Dutton has finished his inspection of local fitness for city delivery of mail and forwarded his recommendation to S. H. Morse, San Francisco, inspector in charge of this district. From there it will be sent to the first assistant postmaster general in Washington.

No authoritative statement as to whether we will get the system is available; but the opinion of those in a position to know is that the quarter beginning October 1, 1920, will see its installation here. Two carriers will be used and two deliveries a day will be made. City letters will require a 2-cent stamp.

The principal obstacle Mr. Dutton found was the lack of sidewalks in the district south of the Santa Fe. Postmaster C. P. Heisser has laid this matter before the town council; it is presumed some action will be taken on remedying the situation at the next council meeting, and Mr. Heisser will then notify Mr. Dutton of such action. While desirable always, cement walks will not be necessary in all cases to meet the requirements of the department. Board walks connecting the existing stretches of cement would answer.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER FRANK COLCORD IS HOME

Frank Colcord, recently discharged from the navy, arrived in Flagstaff on Tuesday afternoon with his father W. C. Colcord. Frank has been laid up in the hospital at Norfolk, Va., for two or three months and his father went East to bring him home. He is able to get about with the use of a cane. Frank went into the navy a year and a half ago and was assigned to the naval aviation corps, where he saw service in Belgium and northern France, and as an evidence of his ability was discharged as a chief petty officer.

He was delighted to get back to Arizona again after his long tour of duty overseas and wasn't in Flagstaff an hour until he felt a heap better. They stayed over in Flagstaff a couple of days visiting old friends before going to their home near Roosevelt.

OLD-TIMER COMES HOME

Now, who do you think has come to town? Ed. O'Farrell and his most estimable wife arrived home Sunday evening from Norfolk, Va., where Ed has been assisting the government for the past two years with their railroad work. Ed knows nearly every old tie on the A. L. & T. logging roads from long association with them during the years past. He is looking fine and is now around getting his chest full of good, old mountain air again and rather thinks he will stick around for some time to come. His right wing has been nearly wrung off by old friends who are so amused to see him home again.

LIVE-STOCK SANITARY BOARDS HOLDS MEETING

The State Live-Stock Sanitary Board held a regular business meeting in Flagstaff Wednesday, taking up regular business of the month and also issued regulations for the admission of stock into the state. Chairman E. H. Crabb, Frank E. Moore of Courtland, member, and Ed. Stephens, secretary of the board, were present at the meeting.

Elmer Jackson is at home again from Holbrook, and has taken up telegraphy with the Western Union under Captain Robinson.

GREETINGS TO STOCKMEN, RANCHERS AND FRIENDS

We hope you are well and your family is well, and may they live long and prosper.

Flagstaff's business men are glad to see old friends and make the acquaintance of new ones. They are a live bunch, taking 'em by and large, and the better you get acquainted with them the better you'll like 'em.

If there is anything going wrong, just tell it to an Elk; if he can't help you out, he'll know some one who can.

Flagstaff is the financial center of a big northern half of Arizona. Aside from that, its climate and water is entitled to a Distinguished Service Medal.

All cow persons are requested to park their guns with the sheriff. If your slats commence to crack, see the sheriff, wink at him and insinuate you have symptoms of the flu; if he don't come through, fly.

These pious duties having been performed, don't forget to subscribe to The Coconino Sun; it covers all Northern Arizona; it is the official and unofficial champion of the ranchers and stockmen, and a general live booster for all Arizona. It's the cheapest and best investment you can make. It covers Coconino county like a blanket.

TOM PULLIAM WITH LAND DEPARTMENT

At some time in the future, visitors to the office of the state land commission who desire to ascertain the character of state lands in any township will be shown them on colored plats, by which the class of the land according to its value is indicated by color. All topographical features are indicated, also depth to water, springs and reservoirs, rainfall, kind of grass and other forage, roads, railroads, etc. At a glance the exact nature of any 40-acre piece may be seen. These new plats, which are to be bound in books, will be a great assistance to the inquirers, and will facilitate the work of the office. When the state lands were selected they were viewed in the large. The department now has four field men touring in Ford cars, and mapping every section in detail.

The field men, who are Guy D. Acuff, W. R. Evans, Joe A. Phillips, and Tom E. Pulliam, are working in Coconino county at present. As the state has 11,000,000 acres of land, it will require about a year to complete this work. A few township plats are already on file.

Class A lands are indicated by blue, Class B by light green, Class C by pink, and so on. Conventional symbols are used to indicate buildings, corrals, water, etc.

BABBITT'S BARGAIN BASEMENT TO OPEN

A new departure in Flagstaff, but one proven successful wherever tried, is the bargain basement of the dry-goods department of Babbitt Bros. to be opened about the 15th of this month. Entrance to the basement which has undergone much alteration and improvement and achieved a new appearance through the efforts of painters and carpenters, is from the main dry goods departments.

The bargain basement will be under the direction of R. J. Connor, manager of the dry goods department, and Edgar Hash, merchandise man, and a competent sales force will be on hand daily. The name "Bargain Basement" was given for two reasons: First, because of its location; second, because of the promised number of genuine bargains of clean merchandise which will make up the stock. Economies of operation and buying make those in charge enthusiastic over the chance to offer Flagstaff city bargains as an every-day affair.

BADLY BURNED IN GASOLINE EXPLOSION

W. H. Morse, painter, was painfully and severely burned yesterday morning at 8 o'clock while preparing to take his car from the White Garage. He intended to put water into his radiator, but accidentally got hold of gasoline. As the fluid ran into the radiator some of it spread to a part of the engine that was sufficiently hot to ignite. An explosion resulted, throwing the burning liquid about, quite a lot of it getting on Morse. Most of it fell on his legs, which, it was thought at the time were burned seriously.

The fire department was called to the scene and put out the blaze, which resulted in no damage to the shop and practically none to the car.

Franklin Walker, son of Prof. Walker of the Normal faculty, came home the first of the week from Tucson, where he has been attending the University of Arizona. He intends doing archaeological work with a party in the Indian country during his vacation.

TODAY'S PROGRAM OF ELKS' 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

MORNING

Log-Sawing Contest, at Race Track, at 10 a. m.

Ball Game, Flagstaff vs. Williams.

AFTERNOON

1:00 p. m.—Cowboy Relay Race, entrance fee, \$2.50; 1 1/2 miles. Prizes: First, \$50; second, \$25; third, entrance fee—to run three horses.

1:30 p. m.—Indian Free-for-All Race, direction of Mr. Williams.

2:00 p. m.—Pony Express Race, 1 1/2 miles; entrance fee, \$2.50. Prizes: First, \$50; second, \$25; third, entrance fee—to run three horses.

2:30 p. m.—Indian Relay Race, 1 1/2 miles, direction of Mr. Williams.

3:00 p. m.—Steer Riding, no entrance fee. Prizes: First, \$100; second, \$50; third, \$25.

4:00 p. m.—Motorcycle Race, 10 miles, entrance fee, \$2.50. Prizes: First, \$50; second, \$25; third, entrance fee.

4:30 p. m.—Auto Race, 25 miles, balance of cars; entrance fee, \$10. Prizes: First, \$200; second, \$100; third, entrance fee.

5:30 p. m.—Broncho Busting, entrance fee, \$5. Prizes: First, \$200; second, \$50; third, entrance fee.

6:30 p. m.—Airplane Exhibition.

7:30 p. m.—Boxing and Wrestling Contests at Orpheum. Admission: Box \$1.50 each; first six rows, \$1.50 each; balance of house, \$1 each.

9:00 p. m.—Following Boxing Contest, Auto Raffle, Oldsmobile "8" in front of the Orpheum.



CITY OF FLAGSTAFF AS IT LOOKED JULY 4, 1882. This picture does not look like much of a start for the present prosperous city of Flagstaff; does it? However, it was Flagstaff as it started growing at what was known as the "Old Town Spring" on the south slope of Observatory Hill, now the western residence district. A few years later the Atlantic & Pacific railroad, now the Santa Fe, located a box car on the present site of the depot (which would have been there yet, if it hadn't burned down), and the town followed the box car down to the present site.

STEPHENS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MURDER ON FIRST BALLOT

At 6:46 Wednesday evening Bud Stephens, of Prescott, sat in the prisoner's chair in the superior courtroom and heard these words from the foreman of the jury:

"We find the defendant not guilty, your honor," and in a few minutes walked out of the courthouse a free man.

This for him was the happy ending of his trial for the killing of A. R. Miller in Prescott, Ariz., April 2, 1918. At the first hearing of the case he had been given life imprisonment.

The case took up exactly ten days, and it was brilliantly fought by opposing counsel to the last detail. Six hours were taken up Wednesday by arguments of counsel—E. S. and Neil Clark for the state, and Frank Dominguez of Los Angeles and C. B. Wilson of Flagstaff for the defense. At 5:00 o'clock in the evening both sides rested, and the judge proceeded with his charge to the jury, taking about an hour, until 6:00 o'clock to make certain points clear. His charge was decidedly clear and impartial. In addition to defining first and second degree murder he defined insanity and told the jury that if Bud Stephens was incapable of telling right from wrong at the time of the killing he should not be convicted.

The jury then retired and deliberated 46 minutes, thus upsetting prophecies of a hung jury. They and the defendant were out on the streets picking up the usual threads of life again in just a few minutes. The case opened here Monday a week ago, on the 23rd of June. It was first tried in Prescott the year of the killing, Stephens found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to prison for the remainder of his natural life. He was granted a new trial on technicalities and the case was transferred to this county.

Selection of a jury was completed the night of the second day of the trial, and the state introduced the first of its witnesses on Wednesday, June 25.

The story of the killing, as gathered from testimony from state and defense, was sensational. Large crowds gathered in the courthouse daily to listen.

Witnesses told of bad feeling between the defendant and his father on one side and the murdered man on the other, growing, they testified, out of relations of Miller and the defendant's mother. The unwritten law was not a part of the defense although it was touched on by counsel.

Unpleasant relations between Mrs. Stephens, mother of Bud Stephens, and her husband were proved, and it was the claim of some witnesses that Miller's interest in her was that of a friend for one in unpleasant circumstances; while other witnesses claimed

his interest was not based on such worthy grounds.

On the second of April, 1918, Miller was in Brockner's clothing store in Prescott, Ariz., buying a suit of clothes. Bud Stephens came in and stood at the front of the store. As Miller, going out, got opposite him, Stephens pulled his gun and shot him from a distance of a few feet, firing five times. As Miller fell, Stephens reloaded his gun and fired two more bullets into the form of the prostrate man. Joseph H. Stephens, father of the defendant, came up just then and he and Bud went to the sheriff's office where Bud Stephens gave himself up.

The body of Miller was later found to contain 11 bullet wounds—4 in front, and 7 in the back.

The defense based its claim for an acquittal on the condition of Stephens' mind at the time of the killing. Brain experts from Los Angeles and Tom Manning of Flagstaff were witnesses on this point. These medical authorities were given a question to answer several typewritten pages in length, to which question counsel for the state objected vehemently, but which was allowed. Claims of many witnesses who saw Stephens during the shooting—before and after—conflicted as to his rational bearing at that time.

The attorneys for the defense were Pat O'Sullivan of Prescott; C. B. Wilson of Flagstaff; Frank Dominguez, Paul Schenck and Mr. Cohen of Los Angeles. The state was represented by E. S. and Neil Clark, of Prescott; County Attorney F. M. Gold and Assistant County Attorney George Harben, of Flagstaff.

Superior Court Judge J. E. Jondwon the admiration of all counsel for the efficient and impartial way in which the trial was conducted.

MR. NELSON AT CITIZENS BANK

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Nelson are newcomers to Flagstaff who are here to stay. Mr. Nelson will be found at the Citizens' Bank, where he is filling the place soon to be left vacant by the resignation of B. B. Brandon, who will go to California to study dentistry. Mr. Nelson has for some time been manager of the Citizens' Bank at Oatman and so is well qualified to take over his new duties. Mr. Brandon will be at the bank until the 15th of July and will leave for the western state shortly afterward.

O. D. Cummins and family are new residents of Flagstaff, moving here recently from Mesa, Ariz. Mr. Cummins can be found at J. H. Crawford's where he has been on general duty for some days. He is an old hand at the grocery game, having been in that business in his old home.

THE SIGN OF THE CAMEL DOBBED ON THE U. S. MAP

Booze was—it ain't "is" any more, except in favored local spots—but where it is, it legal-ly ain't anymore.

From now on until we demobilize—which is a most uncertain period, since President Wilson says there are still a million men in the U. S. army—the great drought of 1919 will be a legal fact, despite the sporadic outbreaks of spirits in a freckled fashion over the broad area of the United States.

There were celebrations and ceremonies of a solemn nature as well as hilarity at the wakes held in many places, and the juice of the corn, hops and barley as well as grape went up and down and scurried for places of safety.

Any one related to old John Barleycorn, even to the 2.75 degree, was hearsed, and now all joy must be real and come from the inner soul a free offering. He with the dumps and blues, and those pessimistically inclined may hulk it all and wander through dry places surrounded by a corrugated gloom.

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD JULY 13

The board of trustees of the Flagstaff public schools authorizes the following statement (the board is unanimous in its attitude toward the new high school, and warmly urges local voters to back up the proposition):

In compliance with the Arizona school laws, a petition signed by more than one hundred qualified electors has been presented to the county school superintendent, asking for the establishment of a high school in Flagstaff.

In further compliance with the law, the county superintendent will call for an election to be held Saturday, July 13 at the Emerson school building, to determine whether Flagstaff shall have a high school. The law states that any school district having an average daily attendance of 200 or more pupils or having an assessed valuation of \$1,500,000, or more, may by a majority vote of qualified school electors thereof establish and maintain a high school. Flagstaff has therefore long since been entitled to a high school.

The board of trustees has for some time considered the need of a high school, and the matter has now become a pressing necessity, for, as is now generally known, the boards of education of the state normal schools of Arizona have found it necessary to admit, the coming year, only pupils who have had at least one year's high school training, and in 1920 only those who have had two years. This means that Flagstaff children would have no school opportunities beyond the eighth grade in the present situation.

The school board has carefully looked into the matter and believes that it will be possible to provide temporarily for the necessary high school work with the present school building. Thus the question of providing funds for a high school building is not involved in the present election. At some future time a bond election will doubtless be held, as is the popular method, because it distributes the cost through a long period of years.

It will be a surprise and perhaps somewhat of a shock to many people of Flagstaff to learn that this town has not kept pace with such towns as Winslow, Williams, Kingman and Holbrook, all of which have high schools.

It is expected that Flagstaff people fully appreciate the evident need of a high school and that they will in this case be as progressive in educational matters as they are in business. The board of trustees urge all electors to come out and vote and show the rest of Arizona that Flagstaff does not mean to be behind in providing for our boys' and girls' educational advantages the equal of those in other towns about us.

SWEET LITTLE ONE PASSES QUIETLY AWAY

Early Tuesday morning death claimed the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rudd at their home on West Birch avenue.

Martha Gwendolyn Rudd would have been just a year old tomorrow, having been born July 5, 1918. The baby, who was loved by neighbors and friends of the family to an unusual degree, did not suffer long in her last illness, being sick only a few days, and seriously so for only a matter of hours. When "Martha," as all called her, fell asleep, she left many aside from the family who grieve with the relatives at the loss and the entire community extends a real sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday evening at 4 o'clock in the Federated Church. Rev. John Butler, missionary, officiated. Interment was in the city cemetery, and arrangements were in charge of the Flagstaff Undertaking Parlor.

Colin Campbell, the sheepman of Ash Fork, was in Flagstaff Monday.

CROWD AT FLAGSTAFF CELEBRATING IS THE LARGEST IN HISTORY

Everybody was here yesterday—with his family, and his dog and his pony. Some, however, came in cars, and others on the trains, and some on foot. Where all of them came from nobody knows—but everybody was here.

Bright and early in the morning the streets were filled with the joy-seeking and joy-creating crowds, and until a very unrespectable hour this morning Flagstaff residents and visitors had one large time chasing old man gloom from the city streets.

The program proper started at 10 a. m. with a parade directed by Capt. J. B. Wright, starting at the courthouse and marching over the principal streets. Two bands participated—the local band and the Indian band of Tuba City. Scores and scores of Indians followed—Navajos and Hopis—on their ponies and in buggies. Some of the squaws had their babies in front of them on the saddle while others carried them in their arms. Ponies, men and women were gaily decorated, not to mention the autos and the streets and the store fronts.

Fully 500 Indians are here to enjoy themselves and take part in the races. They are in charge of Charles Williamson, of the Little Colorado trading post. They are encamped all around the outskirts of town, wherever a level place of ground can be found.

The bucking airplane and its rider, furnished by Sid Chaplin, of Los Angeles, who in his spare moments rivals his more or less famous brother Charley in the "comics," arrived yesterday morning at 10:55 on the train from the west. It was assembled in the afternoon for the scheduled flights and stunts at 5:30.

The juvenile sports at the courthouse, under the direction of Miss Mary Rozen, came off at schedule time and attracted a large crowd. The events were interesting and furnished the time of their young lives to the crowd of children who took part.

At 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon the races started at the race track with the fancy saddle pony race, and continued through the afternoon, according to program. The broncho busting attracted a big bunch of fine riders, among whom were C. C. De Graften-reid, J. T. De Graften-reid, E. B. Weems, Fred Moore, Ross De Graften-reid, J. H. Williams, Jack Houghton, Ray Moser.

The morning train brought in a special car of Kingman people, called to the mountain by the fame of the Elks' method of putting on a celebration. Every train brought in its quota and every road leading into the city was carrying its stream of cars and wagons and buggies. Williams is sending about 50 per cent of her population up today to crowd over our boys when the dust of the baseball game rolls away this morning. We like to be hospitable and all that; but "they ain't gonna be no chance to crow."

The Indian dances last night and the public dance at the big tent were patronized by tremendous crowds and much joy was spread on every hand. It's tough that we can't have a Fourth every week.

CALL FOR SERVICE MEN TO ORGANIZE

Service men of all arms of the service are requested to meet at the Western Union Telegraph office at 6 p. m., Saturday, July 5, for the purpose of talking over the organization of the American Legion in Flagstaff.

Other cities in Arizona have organized branches of the American Legion and a state convention will be held at Tucson within the next two weeks and Flagstaff will be entitled to delegates to that convention.

The American Legion is a nationwide organization and will mean much to service men in the years to come. All are earnestly urged to come and take part in the proposed organization.

BADLY BATTERED ENGINE

One of the big Santa Fe freight engines was in the local yards Saturday attracting quite a bit of attention, for it looked like it had been through the war. It and two or three cars of a through freight had gone off the track five or ten miles this side of Ash Fork. The cause of the wreck was not known. No one was hurt. The cab of the engine was completely gone, and it was battered up otherwise in a good fashion. It took the wrecker from Winslow two days to clear the scene.

CAPT. GUTHRIE AT ARCHANGEL

We are indebted to Capt. John D. Guthrie for a copy of the "American Sentinel," a soldier paper published by the American contingent who have been scrapping the Bolsheviks for several months up in that delightful winter climate. The editor of the Sentinel under date of May 24 in a piteous appeal for plenty of dope for his last issue says: "In one more week the Sentinel will be relieved. Six months on and then off for life. But, at that, we'd rather be on the job than on the waterwagon."

Mr. and Mrs. A. Robertson, of Winslow, spent Sunday in Flagstaff enjoying the cool air and looking over the town. Mr. Robertson is employed in the office of Superintendent Tuttle.